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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Request for Continued Examination (3 pages);
2. Clean Version of Amended Claim (1 page); and
3. Petition for One-Month Extension of Time (1 page).

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.**

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

Before taking any further action on the merits in the instant application, please enter the following amendment to the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 13 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein, and amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (Amended) A cover for the aerobic treatment of biodegradable material, which comprises a laminate of

a) a porous polymeric layer comprising porous polytetrafluorethylene adhered to

b) at least one woven, non-woven or knit fabric, in which the laminate has

i) an air permeability of between 10 and 100 m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>/hour at 200 Pa pressure difference,

ii) a water entry pressure greater than 20 kPa,

iii) an Ret less than 15 m<sup>2</sup>Pa/W;

and in which the porous polymeric layer has an average pore size of between 0.2 and 10  $\mu$ m.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request continued examination in the instant application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 132 (b). Upon entry of the instant

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